

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 28

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Samuel C. "Sam" McKnight on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Samuel C. "Sam" McKnight is one such estimable person who is embarking upon a much-deserved retirement after rendering twenty-four years of exceptional service as director of the Fayette County Ambulance Service (FCAS); and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Sam McKnight attended college and earned a degree in automotive engineering. Upon deciding to pursue a different career path, he obtained his emergency medical technician (EMT) ambulance certification, participated in the first class in Tennessee to train EMTs to provide intravenous therapy, and completed his paramedic training; and

WHEREAS, after working for FCAS as an ambulance driver in the late 1970s, Mr. McKnight joined the Bartlett Fire Department where he quickly advanced to the position of captain of the emergency medical division. He continued his career with the Ambulance Authority in Haywood County and became Fayette County Ambulance Director upon the previous director's retirement; and

WHEREAS, determined to provide the highest level of care possible to the citizens of Fayette County, Sam McKnight purchased new cardiac monitors to replace outdated equipment, increased the number of licensed paramedics on staff, raised the ambulance service's rating with the State, and minimized operating costs; and

WHEREAS, Sam McKnight exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Sam McKnight has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens he has so ably served; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Samuel C. "Sam" McKnight on his retirement as director of the Fayette County Ambulance Service and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.